

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

pplicant(s): AOKI et al.

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Title: FUEL TANK WELDING JOINT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD

THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed on October 23, 2003 in connection with the above application, Applicant hereby elects Species A of Figs. 1-2 without traverse. Applicant states that claims 1-5 read on this Species A of Figs. 1-2.

Examination of the present application in view of the above election is respectfully requested.

Please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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